wood and fodder plantations. A people's movement for afforestation is being developed. During 1985-86, 1.5 million hectares and 1.72 million hectares (up to 31-1-1987) in 1986-87 have been brought under plantations.

According to the National Forest Policy 1952, one third land area of the country should be under forest cover for proper ecological balance.

Smuggling of goods between Punjab and Pakistan through trained cattle

2194. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new strategy being adopted by the smugglers for smuggling of goods between Punjab and Pakistan territory adjoining Punjab by deploying trained cattle which do not require to be accompanied by any human being; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government propose to take to curb such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The BSF who are guarding the Indo-Pakistan border have intimated that no case involving the use of unescorted trained animals for smuggling of contraband goods to and from Pakistan in Punjab has come to their notice.

(b) Does not arise.

Persons arrested on Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders

2195. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons detained/arrested at the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders travelling on fake passport during the year 1986 and how does the figure compare with that for the year 1985;

(b) what are the details of the fake passport rackets unearthed in the country during 1986 stating the kingpins of the rackets identified and the level of official connivance, if any, in operating the passport racket; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government against those involved in the fake passport rackets ad also to curb the illegal trade of passports in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) According to available information with Central Bureau of Investigation no person was detained/arrested at the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders travelling on fake passport during the year 1986. The figures regarding arrests made by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations on this subject are not compiled/collected on an all-India basis by the Centre.

(b) The State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are responsible for enforcing laws relating to offences committed by individuals while obtaining passports. On the basis of information available with Central agencies six cases (details given in the enclosed statement-Annexure I) were unearthed during 1986. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 103].

(c) As indicated in the statement the cases against persons are being processed. The Ministry of External Affairs have taken certain steps (details given in the enclosed statement for exercise of greater care in regard to passport.

Statement

List of steps taken by Ministry of External Affairs to stop foreigners in issue of passports.